



LEA 02	Disclosures Monetary	Reason Gateway	Principle PRI 1,2,3
<p>Type of engagement Individual/internal staff engagements</p>	<p>Reason for interaction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decisionmaking in & company related ESG issues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice or identify the need for additional or other specific <input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via internal staff <input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decisionmaking in & company related ESG issues <input type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice or identify the need for additional or other specific <input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via collaborative engagements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decisionmaking in & company related ESG issues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice or identify the need for additional or other specific <input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via collaborative engagements <input type="checkbox"/> To support investment decisionmaking in & company related ESG issues <input type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice or identify the need for additional or other specific <input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via service providers 	
<p>Type of engagement Collaborative engagements</p>			
<p>Type of engagement Service provider engagements</p>			

RI TRANSPARENCY REPORT

2014/15

Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited

About this report

The PRI Reporting Framework is a key step in the journey towards building a common language and industry standard for reporting responsible investment (RI) activities. This RI Transparency Report is one of the key outputs of this Framework. Its primary objective is to enable signatory transparency on RI activities and facilitate dialogue between investors and their clients, beneficiaries and other stakeholders. A copy of this report will be publicly disclosed for all reporting signatories on the [PRI website](#), ensuring accountability of the PRI Initiative and its signatories.

This report is an export of the individual Signatory organisation's response to the PRI during the 2014-15 reporting cycle. It includes their responses to mandatory indicators, as well as responses to voluntary indicators the signatory has agreed to make public. The information is presented exactly as it was reported. Where an indicator offers a response option that is multiple-choice, all options that were available to the signatory to select are presented in this report. Presenting the information exactly as reported is a result of signatory feedback which suggested the PRI not summarise the information. As a result, the reports can be extensive. However, to help easily locate information, there is a **Principles index** which highlights where the information can be found and summarises the indicators that signatories complete and disclose.

Understanding the Principles Index

The Principles Index summarises the response status for the individual indicators and modules and shows how these relate to the six [Principles for Responsible Investment](#). It can be used by stakeholders as an 'at-a-glance' summary of reported information and to identify particular themes or areas of interest.

Indicators can refer to one or more Principles. Some indicators are not specific to any Principle. These are highlighted in the 'General' column. When multiple Principles are covered across numerous indicators, in order to avoid repetition, only the main Principle covered is highlighted.

All indicators within a module are presented below. The status of indicators is shown with the following symbols:

Symbol	Status
✓	The signatory has completed all mandatory parts of this indicator
☑	The signatory has completed some parts of this indicator
🔒	This indicator was not relevant for this signatory
-	The signatory did not complete any part of this indicator
Ⓜ	The signatory has flagged this indicator for internal review

Within the table, indicators marked in blue are mandatory to complete. Indicators marked in grey are voluntary to complete.

Principles Index

Organisational Overview				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
OO 01	Signatory category and services	✓	Public							✓
OO 02	Headquarters and operational countries	✓	Public							✓
OO 03	Subsidiaries that are separate PRI signatories	✓	Public							✓
OO 04	Reporting year and AUM	✓	Public							✓
OO 05	Breakdown of AUM by asset class	✓	Asset mix disclosed in OO 06							✓
OO 06	How would you like to disclose your asset class mix	✓	Public							✓
OO 07	Segregated mandates or pooled funds	✓	Private							✓
OO 08	Breakdown of AUM by market	✓	Private							✓
OO 09	Additional information about organisation	✓	Private							✓
OO 10	RI activities for listed equities	✓	Public							✓
OO 11	RI activities in other asset classes	✓	Public							✓
OO 12	Modules and sections required to complete	✓	Public							✓

Overarching Approach				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
OA 01	RI policy and other guidance documents	✓	Public							✓
OA 02	Publicly available policies / documents	✓	Public							✓
OA 03	Policy components and coverage	✓	Public	✓	✓					
OA 04	Conflicts of interest	✓	Public							✓
OA 05	RI goals and objectives	✓	Public							✓
OA 06	Main goals/objectives this year	✓	Private							✓
OA 07	Governance, management structures and RI processes	✓	Private							✓
OA 08	RI roles and responsibilities	✓	Public							✓
OA 09	RI in performance management, reward and/or personal development	✓	Private							✓
OA 10	Collaborative organisations / initiatives	✓	Public				✓	✓		
OA 11	Promoting RI independently	✓	Public				✓			
OA 12	Dialogue with public policy makers or standard setters	✓	Private				✓	✓	✓	
OA 13	ESG issues in strategic asset allocation	✓	Private	✓						
OA 14	Allocation of assets to environmental and social themed areas	✓	Private	✓						
OA 15	ESG issues for internally managed assets not reported in framework	🔒	n/a							✓
OA 16	ESG issues for externally managed assets not reported in framework	🔒	n/a							✓
OA 17	RI/ESG in execution and/or advisory services	🔒	n/a	✓	✓					
OA 18	Innovative features of approach to RI	✓	Private							✓
OA 19	Internal and external review and assurance of responses	✓	Private							✓

Direct - Listed Equity Incorporation				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
LEI 01	Breakdown by passive, quantitative, fundamental and other active strategies	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 02	Description of ESG incorporation	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 03	Percentage of each incorporation strategy	✓	Public	✓						
LEI 04	Type of ESG information used in investment decision	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 05	Information from engagement and/or voting used in investment decision-making	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 06	Types of screening applied	✓	Public	✓						
LEI 07	Processes to ensure screening is based on robust analysis	✓	Public	✓						
LEI 08	Processes to ensure fund criteria are not breached	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 09	Types of sustainability thematic funds/mandates	✓	Public	✓						
LEI 10	Description of ESG integration	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 11	Review ESG issues while researching companies/sectors	✓	Public	✓						
LEI 12	Processes to ensure integration is based on robust analysis	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 13	Aspects of analysis ESG information is integrated into	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 14	ESG issues in index construction	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 15	How ESG incorporation has influenced portfolio composition	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 16	Incorporation of ESG issues has improved financial/ESG performance and reduced risk	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 17	Examples of ESG issues that affected your investment view / performance	✓	Private	✓						
LEI 18	Disclosure of approach to ESG incorporation	✓	Public		✓					✓

Direct - Listed Equity Active Ownership				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
LEA 01	Description of approach to engagement	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 02	Reasoning for interaction on ESG issues	✓	Public	✓	✓	✓				
LEA 03	Process for identifying and prioritising engagement activities	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 04	Objectives for engagement activities	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 05	Process for identifying and prioritising engagement activities	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 06	Objectives for engagement activities	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 07	Role in engagement process	🔒	n/a		✓		✓			
LEA 08	Monitor / discuss service provider information	🔒	n/a		✓				✓	
LEA 09	Share insights from engagements with internal/external managers	✓	Private	✓	✓					
LEA 10	Tracking number of engagements	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 11	Number of companies engaged with, intensity of engagement and effort	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 12	Engagements on E, S and/or G issues	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 13	Companies changing practices / behaviour following engagement	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 14	Examples of ESG engagements	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 15	Disclosure of approach to ESG engagements	✓	Public		✓				✓	
LEA 16	Description of approach to (proxy) voting	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 17	Typical approach to (proxy) voting decisions	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 18	Percentage of voting recommendations reviewed	🔒	n/a		✓					
LEA 19	Confirmation of votes	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 20	Securities lending programme	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 21	Informing companies of the rationale of abstaining/voting against management	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 22	Percentage of (proxy) votes cast	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 23	Proportion of ballot items that were for/against/abstentions	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 24	Shareholder resolutions	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 25	Examples of (proxy) voting activities	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 26	Disclosing voting activities	✓	Public		✓				✓	

Direct - Fixed Income				Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
FI 01	Breakdown by passive, quantitative, fundamental and other active strategies	✓	Private	✓						
FI 02	Breakdown of investments by credit quality	✓	Private							✓
FI 03	Description of ESG incorporation	✓	Private	✓						
FI 04	Percentage of each incorporation strategy	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 05	Type of ESG information used in investment decision	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 06	Types of screening applied	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 07	Processes to ensure screening is based on robust analysis	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 08	Processes to ensure fund criteria are not breached	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 09	Types of sustainability thematic funds/mandates	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 10	Description of ESG integration	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 11	Review of ESG issues while researching companies/sectors	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 12	Processes to ensure integration is based on robust analysis	🔒	n/a	✓						
FI 13	Incorporation of ESG issues into analysis and decision making	✓	Public	✓						
FI 14	ESG issues in index construction	✓	Private	✓						
FI 15	How ESG incorporation has influenced portfolio composition	✓	Private	✓						
FI 16	Incorporation of ESG issues has improved financial/ESG performance and reduced risk	✓	Private	✓						
FI 17	Examples of ESG issues that affected your investment view / performance	✓	Private	✓						
FI 18	Disclosure of approach to ESG incorporation	✓	Public		✓					✓
FI 19	Engagement with corporate issuers	🔒	n/a		✓					
FI 20	Engagement with government issuers	✓	Private		✓					

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Organisational Overview

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Basic Information

OO 01

Mandatory

Gateway/Peering

General

OO 01.1

Select the services you offer.

Fund management

% of assets under management (AUM) in ranges

- <10%
- 10-50%
- >50%

Fund of funds, manager of managers, sub-advised products

Other, specify

Execution and advisory services

OO 01.2

Additional information. [Optional]

Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank is an investment manager, services offered as a part of fiduciary businesses. It has AUM of over USD420Bln, serving both institutional and retail clients.

OO 02

Mandatory

Peering

General

OO 02.1

Select the location of your organisation's headquarters.

Japan

OO 02.2

Indicate the number of countries in which you have offices (including your headquarters).

- 1
- 2-5
- 6-10
- >10

OO 02.3

Indicate the approximate number of staff in your organisation in full-time equivalents (FTE).

FTE

13000

OO 02.4 Additional information. [Optional]

The total of number of employees as at March 2014 is 13587 .

OO 03 **Mandatory** **Descriptive** **General**

OO 03.1 Indicate whether you have subsidiaries within your organisation that are also PRI signatories in their own right.

Yes

OO 03.2 List your subsidiaries that are separate PRI signatories and indicate if you would like to report their RI activities in your organisation’s consolidated report.

Name of PRI signatory subsidiary (Up to six subsidiaries may be reported)	RI implementation reported here on a consolidated basis
Nikko Asset Management	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

No

OO 03.3 Additional information. [Optional]

Nikko Asset Management is an investment manager, AUM of USD180Bln, serving both institutional and retail clients. It also has strong commitment to ESG issues, offering ESG related investment products.

OO 04 **Mandatory** **Gateway/Peering** **General**

OO 04.1 Indicate the year end date for your reporting year.

31/12/2014

OO 04.2

Indicate your total AUM at the end of your reporting year, excluding subsidiaries you have chosen not to report on, and advisory/execution only assets.

	trillions	billions	millions	thousands	hundreds
Total AUM		422	606	000	000
Currency	USD				
Assets in USD		422	606	000	000

OO 04.3

Indicate the total AUM at the end of your reporting year for subsidiaries you have excluded from your report

	trillions	billions	millions	thousands	hundreds
Total AUM		204	735	000	000
Currency	USD				
Assets in USD		204	735	000	000

OO 04.5

Indicate the level of detail you would like to provide about your asset class mix.

- Approximate percentage breakdown to the nearest 5% (e.g. 45%)
- Broad ranges breakdown (i.e. <10%; 10-50%; >50%)

OO 06

Mandatory

Descriptive

General

OO 06.1

To contextualise your responses to the public, indicate how you would like to disclose your asset class mix.

- Publish our asset class mix as percentage breakdown
- Publish our asset class mix as broad ranges

	Internally managed (%)	Externally managed (%)
Listed equity	10-50%	<10%
Fixed income – corporate	0	0
Fixed income – government	10-50%	<10%
Fixed income – other	0	0
Private debt	0	0
Private equity	0	<10%

Property	<10%	<10%
Infrastructure	0	0
Commodities	0	0
Hedge funds	<10%	<10%
Forestry	0	0
Farmland	0	0
Inclusive finance	0	0
Cash	<10%	0
Other (1), specify	0	0
Other (2), specify	0	0

○ Publish our asset class mix as per attached file (the following image formats can be uploaded: .jpg, .jpeg, .png, .bmp and .gif)

Gateway asset class implementation indicators

OO 10	Mandatory	Gateway	General
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OO 10.1

Select the responsible investment activities your organisation implemented, directly and/or indirectly, for listed equities in the reporting year.

- We incorporate ESG issues into investment decisions on our internally managed assets
- We engage with companies on ESG issues via our staff, collaborations or service providers
- We cast our (proxy) votes directly or via service providers
- We address ESG incorporation, engagement and/or (proxy) voting in our external manager selection, appointment and/or monitoring processes
- None of the above

OO 11	Mandatory	Gateway	General
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OO 11.1

Indicate if in the reporting year you incorporated ESG issues into your investment decisions and/or your active ownership practices in the following internally managed asset classes.

- Fixed income – government
- Property
- Hedge funds
- Cash
- None of the above

OO 11.2

Indicate if in the reporting year you addressed ESG incorporation and/or active ownership in your external manager selection, appointment and/or monitoring processes in the following externally managed asset classes.

- Fixed income – government
- Private equity
- Property
- Hedge funds
- None of the above

OO 11.3

Additional information. [Optional]

As for 11.1, we manage a fixed income product which invest in bonds, evaluating fiscal soundness of the issuer (governments).

OO 12

Mandatory

Gateway

General

OO 12.1

The modules and sections that you will be required to complete are listed below.

This list is based on the percentages provided in your AUM breakdown and your responses to the gateway indicators. You are only required to report on asset classes that represent 10% or more of your AUM. You may report voluntarily on any applicable modules or sections by selecting them from the list. Fixed Income and Infrastructure are voluntary.

Core modules

- Organisational Overview
- Overarching Approach (including assets which do not have a separate module)

RI implementation directly or via service providers

Direct - Listed Equity incorporation

- Listed Equity incorporation

Direct - Listed Equity active ownership

- Engagements
- (Proxy) voting

Direct - Fixed Income

- Fixed Income - Government

Closing module

- Closing module

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Overarching Approach

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Responsible investment policy

OA 01	Mandatory	Gateway/Core Assessed	General
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OA 01.1 Indicate if you have a responsible investment policy.

- Yes
- No

OA 01.2 Indicate if you have other guidance documents or more specific policies related to responsible investment.

- Yes
- No

OA 01.3 Provide a brief description of the key elements of your responsible investment policy or, if you do not have a policy, of your overall approach to responsible investment. [Optional]

SMTB has introduced responsible investment policies to actively engage portfolio companies in the belief that providing solutions to ESG issues so as to develop a sustainable society will contribute to upholding the best interests of the ultimate beneficiaries who entrust their asset to us. We follow portfolio companies to address ESG issues based on global guidelines and principles such as stated in United Nations Global Compact.

OA 02	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 6
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OA 02.1 Indicate if your responsible investment policy is publicly available.

- Yes

OA 02.2 Provide a URL to your responsible investment policy.

URL

<http://smth.jp/en/csr/report/2014/RI-E-all.pdf>

- No

OA 02.3 Indicate if your other policies or guidance documents related to responsible investment are publicly available.

- Yes
 - Yes, all
 - Yes, some

OA 02.4 List these other policies or guidance documents related to responsible investment that are publicly available and their URLs.

Policy or document name	URL
Responsible Investment	http://smth.jp/en/csr/report/2014/RI-E-all.pdf
Engagement Policy	http://www.smtb.jp/tools/english/asset/stewardship.html
Proxy Voting Policy	http://www.smtb.jp/tools/english/asset/proxy.html

No

OA 02.5	Additional information. [Optional]
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We have made comprehensive structure of ESG policies.

OA 03	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 1,2
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OA 03.1	Indicate the components/types and coverage of your responsible investment policy and guidance documents.
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Select all that apply

Policy components/types	Coverage by AUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy setting out your overall approach <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Proxy) voting policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement/active ownership policy <input type="checkbox"/> Specific guidelines on corporate governance <input type="checkbox"/> Specific guidelines on environmental issues <input type="checkbox"/> Specific guidelines on social issues <input type="checkbox"/> Asset class-specific guidelines <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Screening/exclusion policy <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Applicable policies cover all AUM <input type="radio"/> Applicable policies cover a majority of AUM <input type="radio"/> Applicable policies cover a minority of AUM

OA 03.2	Comment on any variations or exceptions in the coverage of your responsible investment policy. [Optional]
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The bank sets its responsible investment policy according to the fiduciary duties, which covers all of asset classes. Further, the bank sets specific responsible investment policies, which are appropriate to the asset class.

OA 04	Mandatory	Core Assessed	General
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OA 04.1

Indicate if your organisation has a policy on managing potential conflicts of interest in the investment process.

Yes

OA 04.2

Describe your policy on managing potential conflicts of interest in the investment process. [Optional]

The potential conflict of interests is monitored at the Fiduciary Risk Management Department with the fiduciary business as well as Compliance Department and Risk Management Department at the bank level.

No

Objectives and strategies

OA 05

Mandatory

Gateway/Core Assessed

General

OA 05.1

Indicate if your organisation sets objectives for its responsible investment activities.

Yes

OA 05.2

Indicate how frequently your organisation sets or revises objectives for responsible investment.

- At least once per year
- Less than once per year

OA 05.3

Indicate how frequently your organisation formally reviews performance against its objectives for responsible investment.

- Quarterly
 - Biannually
 - Annually
 - Every two years or less
 - It is not reviewed
- No

Governance and human resources

OA 08

Mandatory

Gateway/Core Assessed

General

OA 08.1

Indicate the roles present in your organisation and for each, indicate whether they have oversight and/or implementation responsibilities for responsible investment.

Roles present in your organisation

- Board members or trustees
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Investment Officer (CIO), Investment Committee
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Other Chief-level staff or head of department, specify
- Portfolio managers
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Investment analysts
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Dedicated responsible investment staff
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- External managers or service providers
 - Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
 - Implementation of responsible investment
 - No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
- Other role, specify
- Other role, specify

OA 08.2 Indicate the number of dedicated responsible investment staff your organisation has. [Optional]

Number

5

Promoting responsible investment

OA 10

Mandatory

Core Assessed

PRI 4,5

OA 10.1

Select the collaborative organisation and/or initiatives of which your organisation is a member or in which it participated during the reporting year, and the role you played.

Select all that apply

Principles for Responsible Investment

Your organisation's role in the initiative during the reporting period (see definitions)

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

Provide a brief commentary on the level of your organisation's involvement in the initiative.
[Optional]

Active participation in conferences and panels. Chairperson for the Japan PRI network. Providing study groups at the network to promote and educate RI in the investment community in Japan.

Asian Corporate Governance Association

Association for Sustainable & Responsible Investment in Asia

Your organisation's role in the initiative during the reporting period (see definitions)

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

Provide a brief commentary on the level of your organisation's involvement in the initiative.
[Optional]

Active participation in conferences and panels.

Australian Council of Superannuation Investors

CDP Climate Change

Your organisation's role in the initiative during the reporting period (see definitions)

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

- CDP Forests
- CDP Water
- CFA Institute Centre for Financial Market Integrity
- Council of Institutional Investors (CII)
- Eumedion
- Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)
- Global Investors Governance Network (GIGN)
- Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB)
- Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC)
- Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR)
- International Corporate Governance Network (ICGN)

Your organisation's role in the initiative during the reporting period (see definitions)

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

Provide a brief commentary on the level of your organisation's involvement in the initiative.
[Optional]

Active participation in conferences and panels, sponsoring events.

- Investor Group on Climate Change, Australia/New Zealand (IGCC)
- Investor Network on Climate Risk (INCR)/CERES
- Local Authority Pension Fund Forum
- Regional or National Social Investment Forums (e.g. UKSIF, Eurosif, ASRIA, RIAA), specify
Japan SIF

Your organisation's role in the initiative during the reporting period (see definitions)

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

Provide a brief commentary on the level of your organisation's involvement in the initiative. [Optional]

Providing study groups at the network to promote and educate RI in the investment community in Japan.

- Shareholder Association for Research and Education (Share)
- United Nations Environmental Program Finance Initiative (UNEP FI)

Your organisation's role in the initiative during the reporting period (see definitions)

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

Provide a brief commentary on the level of your organisation's involvement in the initiative. [Optional]

Active participation in conference and panels. A member of Real Estate Study group. Sponsoring events of UNEP FI.

- United Nations Global Compact

Your organisation's role in the initiative during the reporting period (see definitions)

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify

Principles for Financial Action towards a Sustainable Society

Your organisation's role in the initiative during the reporting year (see definitions)

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify

Natural Capital Declaration

Your organisation's role in the initiative during the reporting year (see definitions)

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

- Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify

BSR (Business for Social Responsibility)

Your organisation's role in the initiative during the reporting year (see definitions)

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify

United Nations Global Compact

Your organisation's role in the initiative during the reporting year (see definitions)

- Basic
- Moderate
- Advanced

OA 11

Mandatory

Core Assessed

PRI 4

OA 11.1

Indicate if your organisation promotes responsible investment, independently of collaborative initiatives.

Yes

OA 11.2

Indicate which of the following actions your organisation has taken to promote responsible investment, independently of collaborative initiatives.

- Provided or supported education or training programmes for clients, investment managers, broker/dealers, investment consultants, legal advisers or other investment organisations
- Provided financial support for academic or industry research on responsible investment
- Encouraged better transparency and disclosure of responsible investment practices across the investment industry
- Spoke publicly at events and conferences to promote responsible investment
- Wrote and published in-house research papers on responsible investment
- Encouraged the adoption of the PRI
- Other, specify

No

OA 11.3

Additional information. [Optional]

We allocate professional resources to various circumstances, not only for their direct investment functions but also for broader audiences, such as academic research and programmes which would facilitate the responsible investment ideas.

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ESG incorporation in actively managed listed equities

Implementation processes


LEI 03	Mandatory	Gateway/Core Assessed	PRI 1
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LEI 03.1


Indicate (1) which ESG incorporation strategy and/or combination of strategies you apply to your actively managed listed equities and (2) the breakdown of your actively managed listed equities by strategy or combination of strategies.

ESG incorporation strategy (select all that apply)


- Screening alone (i.e. not combined with any other strategies)
- Thematic alone (i.e. not combined with any other strategies)

Percentage of active listed equity to which the strategy is applied - you may (estimate +/- 10%)	 0
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- Integration alone (i.e. not combined with any other strategies)

Percentage of active listed equity to which the strategy is applied - you may (estimate +/- 10%)	 88
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- Screening + Integration strategies

Percentage of active listed equity to which the strategy is applied - you may (estimate +/- 10%)	 2
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- Thematic + integration strategies
- Screening + thematic strategies
- All three strategies combined
- No incorporation strategies applied

Percentage of active listed equity to which no incorporation strategy is applied - you may (estimate +/- 10%)	 10
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Total actively managed listed equities

100%

LEI 03.2 Describe your primary reasons for choosing a particular ESG incorporation strategy.

We believe that analysts have the broadest knowledge of the industries and companies, who are in the best position to make integrated analysis. PMs are in charge of how to trade or execute their strategies according to their investment strategies.

LEI 03.3 Where assets are managed using a combination of ESG incorporation strategies, briefly describe how these combinations are used. [Optional]

We have applied ESG integration to Japanese equities, using internally developed ESG rating system. We are planning to expand this system into other equities such as Asian / Global active products. The rating system is adopted by active strategies, the implementation is up to each investment strategies.

(A) Implementation: Screening

LEI 06

Mandatory

Descriptive

PRI 1

LEI 06.1

Indicate and describe the type of screening you apply to your internally managed active listed equities.

Type of screening

Negative/exclusionary screening

Screened by

- Product
- Activity
- Sector
- Country/geographic region
- Environmental and social practices and performance
- Corporate governance

Description

Cluster bombs and land mines for exclusion

Positive/best-in-class screening

Screened by

- Product
- Activity
- Sector
- Country/geographic region
- Environmental and social practices and performance
- Corporate governance

	Description
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Scoring methodology implemented regarding Japan and Chinese SRI funds.

- Norms-based screening

LEI 06.2	Describe how the screening criteria are established, how often the criteria are reviewed and how you notify clients and/or beneficiaries when changes are made.
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The screening takes place monthly for SRI related products.

LEI 07	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 1
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LEI 07.1	Indicate which processes your organisation uses to ensure that screening is based on robust analysis.
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- Comprehensive ESG research is undertaken or sourced to determine companies' activities and products.
- Companies are given the opportunity by you or your research provider to review ESG research on them and correct inaccuracies
- External research and data used to identify companies to be excluded/included is subject to internal audit by ESG/RI staff, the internal audit function or similar
- Company ESG information/ratings are updated regularly to ensure that portfolio holdings comply with fund policies
- A committee or body with representatives independent of the individuals who conduct company research reviews some or all screening decisions
- A periodic review of the quality of the research undertaken or provided is carried out
- Other, specify
- None of the above

(B) Implementation: Thematic			
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LEI 09	Mandatory	Descriptive	PRI 1
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LEI 09.1	Indicate the type of sustainability thematic funds or mandates that your organisation manages.
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- Environmentally themed funds
- Socially themed funds
- Combination of themes

(C) Implementation: Integration of ESG issues

LEI 11	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 1
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LEI 11.1 Indicate if E, S and G issues are reviewed while researching companies and/or sectors in active strategies.

ESG issues	Coverage/extent of review on these issues
Environmental	<input checked="" type="radio"/> We systematically review the potential significance of environmental issues and investigate them accordingly <input type="radio"/> We occasionally review the potential significance of environmental issues and investigate them accordingly <input type="radio"/> We do not review environmental issues
Social	<input checked="" type="radio"/> We systematically review the potential significance of social issues and investigate them accordingly <input type="radio"/> We occasionally review the potential significance of social issues and investigate them accordingly <input type="radio"/> We do not review social issues
Corporate Governance	<input checked="" type="radio"/> We systematically review the potential significance of corporate governance issues and investigate them accordingly <input type="radio"/> We occasionally review the potential significance of corporate governance issues and investigate them accordingly <input type="radio"/> We do not review corporate governance issues

LEI 11.2 Additional information. [Optional]

Both at the bank level and fiduciary business (the business division including investment management) , ESG issues are monitored at Global ESG committee (former) , and ESG monitoring committee. (latter)

Communication

LEI 18	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 2,6
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LEI 18.1 Indicate if your organisation proactively discloses information on your approach to ESG incorporation in listed equity.

We disclose it publicly

Provide URL

<http://smth.jp/en/csr/report/2014/RI-E-all.pdf>

LEI 18.2

Indicate if the information disclosed to the public is the same as that disclosed to clients/beneficiaries.

Yes

LEI 18.3

Indicate the information your organisation proactively discloses to clients/ beneficiaries and the public regarding your approach to ESG incorporation.

- Broad approach to ESG incorporation
- Detailed explanation of ESG incorporation strategy used

LEI 18.4

Indicate how frequently you typically report this information.

- Quarterly or more frequently
 - Between quarterly and annually
 - Less frequently than annually
 - Other, specify
- No
- We disclose it to clients and/or beneficiaries only
 - We do not proactively disclose it to the public and/or clients/beneficiaries

LEI 18.7

Additional information. [Optional]

For specific issues, we disclosed to clients and beneficiaries in more detail.

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Engagement

Overview

LEA 02	Mandatory	Gateway	PRI 1,2,3
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LEA 02.1	Indicate your reasons for interacting with companies on ESG issues and indicate who carries out these interactions.
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Type of engagement	Reason for interaction
Individual/Internal staff engagements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making (e.g. company research) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice (or identify the need to influence) on ESG issues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To encourage improved ESG disclosure <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify <input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via internal staff
Collaborative engagements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making (e.g. company research) <input type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice (or identify the need to influence) on ESG issues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To encourage improved ESG disclosure <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify <input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via collaborative engagements
Service provider engagements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To support investment decision-making (e.g. company research) <input type="checkbox"/> To influence corporate practice (or identify the need to influence) on ESG issues <input type="checkbox"/> To encourage improved ESG disclosure <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify <input type="checkbox"/> We do not engage via service providers

LEA 02.2	Additional information. [Optional]
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Concerning collaborative engagements, we are committed to activities based on rules / regulations of the market.

Process

Process for engagements run internally

LEA 03	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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LEA 03.1 | Indicate whether your organisation has a formal process for identifying and prioritising engagement activities carried out by internal staff.

Yes

LEA 03.2 | Describe how you identify and prioritise engagements.

ESG monitoring committee is held for the purpose of identifying global ESG issues to commit engagements. As for Japanese equities specifically, the issues are discussed at the Stewardship Committee, and once the issues / objectives are identified, the engagement activities are monitored on semi-annual basis in Japanese equities.

No

LEA 04

Mandatory

Core Assessed

PRI 2

LEA 04.1 | Indicate if you define specific objectives for your engagement activities.

Yes

- Yes, for all engagement activities
- Yes, for the majority of engagement activities
- Yes, for a minority of engagement activities

No

LEA 04.2 | Indicate if you monitor the actions that companies take following your engagements.

Yes

- Yes, in all cases
- Yes, in the majority of cases
- Yes, in the minority of cases

LEA 04.3 | Describe how you monitor and evaluate the progress of your engagement activities.

Activities are monitored at the ESG monitoring committee (global) and Stewardship Committee (Japanese companies).

No

Process for engagements conducted via collaborations

LEA 05

Mandatory

Core Assessed

PRI 2

LEA 05.1 | Indicate whether your organisation has a formal process for identifying and prioritising collaborative engagements.

Yes

LEA 05.2

Describe how you identify and prioritise collaborative engagements.

ESG monitoring committee identifies global issues and monitors the progress of such engagement activities.

No

LEA 06**Mandatory****Core Assessed****PRI 2****LEA 06.1**

Indicate if the collaborative engagements in which you are involved have defined objectives.

Yes

- Yes, for all collaborative engagement activities
- Yes, for the majority of collaborative engagement activities
- Yes, for a minority of collaborative engagement activities

No

LEA 06.2

Indicate if you monitor the actions companies take following your collaborative engagements.

Yes

- Yes, in all cases
- Yes, in the majority of cases
- Yes, in the minority of cases

LEA 06.3

Describe how you monitor and evaluate the progress of your collaborative engagement activities.

We monitor progress at the ESG monitoring committee.

No

General processes for all three groups of engagers**LEA 10****Mandatory****Gateway/Core Assessed****PRI 2****LEA 10.1**

Indicate if you track the number of engagements your organisation participates in.

Type of engagement	Tracking engagements
Individual / Internal staff engagements	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, we track the number of our engagements in full <input type="radio"/> Yes, we partially track the number of our engagements <input type="radio"/> No, we do not track our engagements but can provide a reasonable estimate of our engagement numbers <input type="radio"/> No, we do not track and cannot estimate our engagements
Collaborative engagements	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, we track the number of our engagements in full <input type="radio"/> Yes, we partially track the number of our engagements <input type="radio"/> No, we do not track our engagements but can provide a reasonable estimate of our engagement numbers <input type="radio"/> No, we do not track and cannot estimate our engagements

LEA 10.2 Additional information. [Optional]

We participate in the collaborative engagements at PRI clearing house.

Communication

LEA 15

Mandatory

Core Assessed

PRI 2,6

LEA 15.1

Indicate whether your organisation proactively discloses information on its engagements.

- We disclose it publicly
- We disclose it to clients and/or beneficiaries only

LEA 15.5

Indicate what engagement information your organisation proactively discloses to clients/beneficiaries.

Engagement information disclosed

- Details of the selections, priorities and specific goals of engagement
- Number of engagements
- Breakdown of engagements by type/topic
- Breakdown of engagements by region
- An assessment of the current status of the engagement
- Outcomes that have been achieved from the engagement
- Other information

LEA 15.6 | Indicate how frequently you typically report engagements information

- Disclosed continuously (prior and post engagements)
- Disclosed quarterly
- Disclosed annually
- Disclosed every two years or less
- Other, specify

According to the requests from clients.

- We do not proactively disclose it to the public and/or clients/beneficiaries.

(Proxy) voting and shareholder resolutions

Process

LEA 17	Mandatory	Descriptive	PRI 2
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LEA 17.1 | Indicate how you typically make your (proxy) voting decisions and what this approach is based on.

Approach

- We use our own research or voting team and make our own voting decisions without the use of service providers.

Based primarily on

- our own voting policy
 - our clients requests or policy
 - other, explain
- We hire service provider(s) which make voting recommendations or provide research that we use to inform our voting decisions.
 - We hire service provider(s) which make voting decisions on our behalf, except for some pre-defined scenarios for which we review and make voting decisions.
 - We hire service provider(s) which make voting decisions on our behalf.

LEA 17.2 | Additional information.[Optional]

For global equities, we hire external service providers, based on internal domestic equity policies.

LEA 21	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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LEA 21.1	Indicate if you ensure that companies are informed of the rationale when you and/or the service providers acting on your behalf abstain or vote against management recommendations.
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- Yes, in most cases
- Sometimes, in the following cases:
- No
- Not applicable as we and/or our service providers do not abstain or vote against management recommendations

Outputs and outcomes

LEA 22	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 2
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LEA 22.1	For listed equities where you and/or your service provider has the mandate to issue (proxy) voting instructions, indicate the percentage of votes cast during the reporting year.
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- We do track or collect this information

	Votes cast (to the nearest 1%)
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	%
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90

	Specify the basis on which this percentage is calculated
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- of the total number of ballot items on which you could have issued instructions
- of the total number of company meetings at which you could have voted
- of the total value of your listed equity holdings on which you could have voted

LEA 22.2	If there are specific reasons why you did not vote certain holdings, explain these, and if possible, indicate the percentage of holdings affected by these factors. [Optional]
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Some of emerging markets where technically difficult to vote.

- We do not track or collect this information

Communication

LEA 26	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 2,6
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LEA 26.1	Indicate if your organisation proactively discloses information on your voting activities.
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- We disclose it publicly

provide URL

<http://smth.jp/en/csr/report/2014/RI-E-all.pdf>

LEA 26.2

Indicate if the information disclosed to the public is the same as that disclosed to clients/beneficiaries.

- Yes
- No

LEA 26.3

Indicate the voting information your organisation proactively discloses to the public.

Indicate how much of your voting record you disclose

- All voting decisions
- Some voting decisions
- Only abstentions and opposing vote decisions
- Summary of votes only

Indicate what level of explanation you provide

- Explain all voting decisions
- Explain some voting decisions
- Only explain abstentions and votes against management
- No explanations provided

LEA 26.4

Indicate how frequently you typically report voting information to the public.

- Continuously (primarily before meetings)
- Continuously (soon after votes are cast)
- Quarterly or more frequently
- Between quarterly and annually
- Less frequently than annually
- Other, specify

LEA 26.5

Indicate the voting information your organisation proactively discloses to clients/beneficiaries.

Indicate how much of your voting record you disclose

- All voting decisions
- Some voting decisions
- Only abstentions and opposing vote decisions
- Summary of votes only

Indicate what level of explanation you provide

- Explain all voting decisions
- Explain some voting decisions
- Only explain abstentions and votes against management
- No explanations provided

LEA 26.6

Indicate how frequently you typically report voting information to clients/beneficiaries.

- Continuously (primarily before meetings)
 - Continuously (soon after votes are cast)
 - Quarterly or more frequently
 - Between quarterly and annually
 - Less frequently than annually
 - Other, specify
Whenever we are requested
- We disclose it to clients/beneficiaries only
 - We do not proactively disclose our voting activities to the public and/or to clients/beneficiaries

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ESG incorporation in actively managed fixed income

Fixed income - Government

FI 13	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 1
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FI 13.1	Indicate if you incorporate ESG issues in investment analysis and decision making for your government fixed income investments.
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Yes

FI 13.2	Indicate for what percentage of your government fixed income investments you incorporate ESG issues in investment analysis and decision making.
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- <10%
- 10-50%
- 51-90%
- >90%

FI 13.3	Indicate if in active strategies, E, S and G issues are reviewed while researching government issuers.
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ESG issues	Coverage/extent of review on these issues
Environmental	<input type="radio"/> We systematically review the potential significance of environmental issues and investigate them accordingly <input type="radio"/> We occasionally review the potential significance of environmental issues and investigate them accordingly <input checked="" type="radio"/> We do not review environmental issues
Social	<input type="radio"/> We systematically review the potential significance of social issues and investigate them accordingly <input type="radio"/> We occasionally review the potential significance of social issues and investigate them accordingly <input checked="" type="radio"/> We do not review social issues
Corporate Governance	<input checked="" type="radio"/> We systematically review the potential significance of corporate governance issues and investigate them accordingly <input type="radio"/> We occasionally review the potential significance of corporate governance issues and investigate them accordingly <input type="radio"/> We do not review corporate governance issues

FI 13.4	Describe your approach to incorporating ESG issues in government fixed income investments. [Optional]
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The strategy analyze the strengths of fiscal policy as an indicator of governance.

No

Communication

FI 18	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 2,6
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FI 18.1	Indicate if your organisation proactively discloses information on your approach to ESG incorporation in all fixed income investments.
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- We disclose it publicly
- We disclose it to clients/beneficiaries only

FI 18.5	Indicate the information your organisation proactively discloses to clients/ beneficiaries regarding your approach to ESG incorporation.
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- Broad approach to ESG incorporation
- Detailed explanation of ESG incorporation strategy used

FI 18.6	Indicate how frequently you typically report this information.
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- Quarterly or more frequently
- Between quarterly and annually
- Less frequently than annually
- Other, specify
- We do not proactively disclose it to the public and/or clients/beneficiaries

FI 18.7	Additional information. [Optional]
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We disclose the information to clients who directly invest in the strategy.